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Under the authority of Wisconsin Statute 348.27(11m) Ben Brancel, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, requests that the Secretary of Transportation authorize issuance of "Agricultural Emergency Permits." Secretary Brancel declares that the prolonged, region-wide drought has caused hay crop failure leading to premature slaughtering of farm animals and a potentially devastating impact upon farm families and the State's economy. Therefore, Mark Gottlieb, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, has authorized the issuance of "Agricultural Emergency Permits."

Beginning Tuesday, July 24, 2012 "Agricultural Emergency Permits" authorized per s.348.27(11m) may be issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles – Motor Carrier Services Section. These permits will authorize:

- Transport of hay in bales,
 - On all roadways of the state;
 - From July 24, 2012 through June 30, 2013;
 - For three to 11 months of operation, as requested by the permit applicant;
 - During daylight hours;
 - Monday through Sunday, except Friday through Monday of Labor Day weekend 2012, and Memorial Day weekend 2013.
- At a maximum overall
 - height of 14 feet 6 inches;
 - length of 75 feet for combination vehicles and 45 feet for single vehicles;
 - width of 12 feet.
- At a maximum gross weight not to exceed 90,000 pounds, on vehicle combination with a minimum of five axles, or
- At axle weights not to exceed 115% of vehicle weight as set in Wisconsin Statute 348.15(3)(c) if the vehicle is a not in combination, or has four or fewer axles;

Other provisions:

- Vehicles must be registered for a minimum of 50,000 pound gross vehicle weight, or be exempt from registration as an "Implement of Husbandry" as defined in Wisconsin Statute 341.01(2)(a).
- Fees for the "Agricultural Emergency Permit" will be waived.
- The "Agricultural Emergency Permit" must be carried in the permitted vehicle, which must be identified by a VIN, and made available to law enforcement upon request.
- All the conditions of the permit including size, weight, flagging, signing, hours of operation and other provisions of the permit must be complied with.
- No laws pertaining to load securement, driver hours of service, vehicle registration, vehicle taxation or equipment are suspended by issuance of the "Agricultural Emergency Permit."

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